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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A dynamic support means for household electrical appliances such as refrigerators, freezers or the like, comprising:

a support roller presenting a horizontal rotation axis arranged to rotate about a vertical swivel axis perpendicular to it; ebaracaterised

in that said the rotation axis and said the swivel axis intersect each other;

a rotary element for supporting the roller and having an appendix with a step; and
a stationary element rigid with the appliance and having a discontinuous annular
groove with a step;

wherein the appendix is received within the discontinuous annular groove to centre the elements such that they mutually rotate about the swivel axis and the respective steps elastically constrain the elements.

- 2. (Currently Amended) A dynamic support means as claimed in claim 1, characterised whereinin that said the rotation axis and said the swivel axis intersect each other at an intermediate point of said the roller.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A dynamic support means as claimed in claim 1, <u>further</u> characterised comprising aby presenting screw means for adjusting the height of said the support roller (13)appliance.
  - 4. (Canceled)
  - 5. (Canceled)
  - 6. (Canceled)

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7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A means as claimed in claim 14, <u>further characterised</u> comprising in that projections of self-lubricating material are present between the stationary element and the rotation element.

- 9. (Currently Amended) A means as claimed in claim 8, characterised wherein in that said the self-lubricating material comprises a teffonfluoropolymer.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A means as claimed in claim 14, eharacterised-whereinin that said the support roller rotates idly about a shaft engaged in holes provided in projections extending lowerly from said the rotation element.
- 11. (New) A dynamic support for a household electrical appliance comprising:
  a stationary element configured to fixedly mount to the appliance;
  a rotary element configured to rotate about a swivel axis relative to the stationary element;

a support roller mounted to the rotary element for rotation about a horizontal rotation axis; and

an elastic snap-fit connection coupling the stationary element and the rotary element such that the swivel axis intersects the horizontal axis and the rotary element is free to rotate relative to the stationary element.

- 12. (New) The dynamic support of claim 11 wherein the elastic snap-fit connection comprises an annular groove on one of the stationary element and the rotary element and an annular projection that is received within the annular groove.
- 13. (New) The dynamic support of claim 12 wherein the annular groove comprises a step and the annular projection comprises a step, which interact to elastically constrain the stationary element and the rotary element when the annular projection is received within the annular groove.

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14. (New) The dynamic support of claim 13, wherein the rotation axis and the swivel axis intersect each other at an intermediate point of said roller.

- 15. (New) The dynamic support of claim 11, comprising a screw extending from the stationary element and configured to be threadably received in the appliance for adjusting the height of said appliance roller relative to the appliance.
- 16. (New) The dynamic support of claim 11, wherein the elements rotate mutually about said swivel axis.
- 17. (New) The dynamic support of claim 11, wherein the step of said annular groove is discontinuous.
- 18. (New) The dynamic support of claim 11, comprising a self-lubricating material between the stationary element and the rotary element.
- 19. (New) The dynamic support of claim 18, wherein the self-lubricating material comprises a fluoropolymer.
- 20. (New) The dynamic support of claim 11, comprising a shaft extending through the support rolled and coupled to the rotary element wherein the support roller rotates idly about the shaft.